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The Holy Spirit

Key Point: Receive the Holy Spirit

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Welcome

We want you to understand what a precious gift the Holy Spirit is. If you have the Holy Spirit in your life, you will be able to fulfil your purpose in God.



Main Lesson

The Day of Pentecost: Acts 2

This is a story about an amazing experience. You could say it was a mystery to people that heard and saw it. You will remember that Jesus had died, risen and gone up to heaven. His disciples were very sad that He left but they remembered that Jesus had told them that He would send a "Helper". This was a mystery to them as they were not sure what Jesus meant. Jesus had told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the "power" that would help them live for Him. *Mmm, wouldn't you like to have some supernatural "power" so that you could do amazing things for God?*

The disciples were still wondering about the "power" they would receive when without warning they heard a strange sound. It sounded like a mighty wind. They looked around to see whereit was coming from. The people outside the room could hear that something was happening but they did not know what. The Holy Spirit had come like a wind. He filled them up and they began to speak in other languages. The people outside all heard the talking. They listened very carefully and could not believe their ears, as some of the people were talking in their home languages.

You see the people outside had all come to Jerusalem from all over the country and they spoke different languages. They were amazed that the people in the room could speak their language. They listened again and said "these people are speaking of God's mighty works. Just then Peter stood up with the other disciples. He saw all the people gathered outside the room and started to talk to them. He told them that God had said in the last days He would pour out His Spirit on those who serve Him, both men and women and that they would prophesy.

Peter explained to the people that Jesus had been crucified and that He had risen again. The people were so excited and asked Peter what they should do. Peter told them that they too should change their lives and turn to God and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ so that their sins are forgiven. He then asked them to receive the Holy Spirit.

God wants us to get to know Him better, and to give us power to do good things for Him. We have to do something to allow the Holy Spirit to come and live in us and work through us. We need to open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit. That day He came in the form of the wind, but He is actually a person. The Holy Spirit is a person who wants to come and help you live your best life for God. As we said before, the way you will know that He lives inside you is that you will have your own special language, a language that only you and God will understand. Don't wait another day, receive the Holy Spirit today.

Remember the Key Point for today: Receive the Holy Spirit.



Life Application

(Time to reflect)

- 1. What does it mean to speak in tongues?
- 2. Who is able to speak in tongues?
- 3. How can we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?
- 4. What is the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives?



Memory Verse for the Week

Acts 2:4

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Word Whiz for the Month

1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness, by His wounds you have been healed.



<u>Prayer</u>

What the Bible says about the HOLY SPIRIT.

• John 14:16 | NIV

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.

• 2 Corinthians 3:17

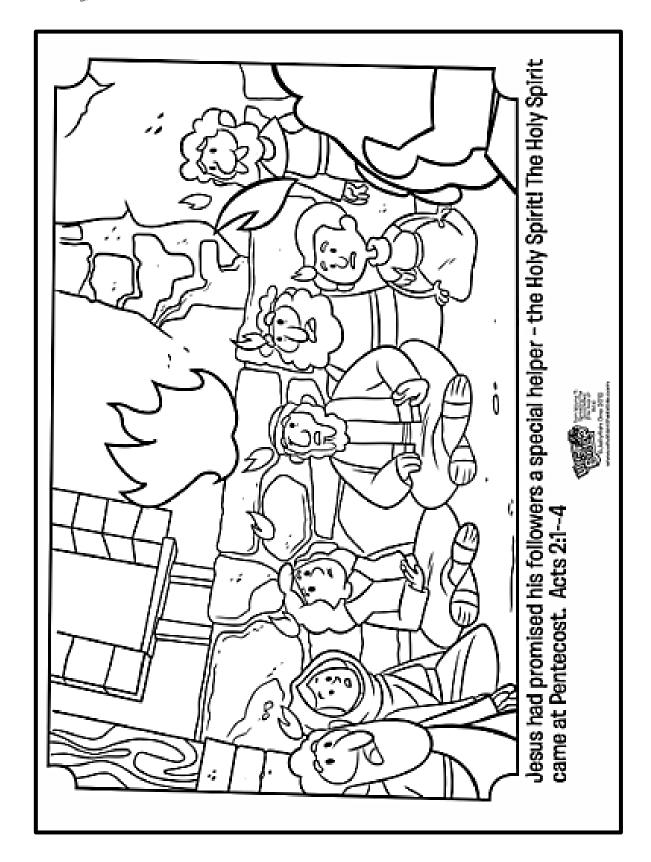
Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

• Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 | NIV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

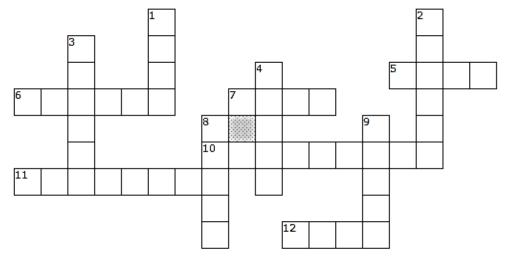


Filled with the Holy Spirit

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Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)





ACROSS

- 5. Make something to be full
- 6. To be totally surprised
- Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
- Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
- 12. A destructive burning

DOWN

- Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- 3. The place where God lives
- 4. Something that can be heard
- 8. To say words, to use the voice
- 9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED

MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE

